

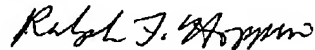
REMARKS

This is a response to the restriction requirement dated December 29, 2004.

It is asserted that claims 1-15 in group I, and claims 16-20 in group II are drawn to distinct inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121.

Without conceding to the propriety of the requirement, Applicants elect the group I claims, claims 1-15.

Respectfully submitted,



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